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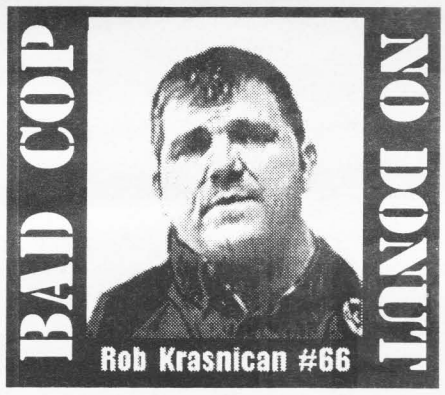
Abducted by the Olympia Police

David Lavender

Growing up I was often told about freedom, and how lucky we are to live in a country that is free. On June 19th I was able to experience that freedom first-hand, thanks to officer Bob Krasnican, by being verbally harassed, physically assaulted, handcuffed, and shackled to a chair. What crime was I accused of to warrant such action? Jaywalking. Ahhh...I know I feel safer on the streets now that jaywalkers will be kept off, with as much force as possible of course.

But there are some serious issues here. First off I had three boys in my care at the time, and they were left downtown for hours with no regard for their safety. Second, I did not cross the street alone. There were three youth and a friend crossing with me. You might wonder why the officer only ticketed/harassed me. So did I. At least until I heard Krasnican himself admit that the jaywalking charge was an excuse to get to me. So again, what was my crime?

Around 2:30 p.m., about a half hour before the incident, I entered Sylvester Park with the three boys. On our way to



a bench we passed within six feet of two cops with two people handcuffed. This caught my attention and I looked as we walked by. One police officer made eye contact with me; I later found out that these were Bob Krasnican's eyes. Now back to the incident and the comment Bob made that enlightened me to his true intentions. While demanding my I.D. he let out that he saw me taking an interest in him earlier, and that I should not have done that. When I tried to protest this clearly illegal action by the officer, he grabbed my arm and aggressively twisted it behind my back in some sort of special hold, and led me to the back of his car. The cop then again demanded my I.D., and I responded as I had the whole time: for him to change his rude disposition, unhand me, and plainly treat me with respect. None of these requests were met; I was handcuffed, and taken to the police station. Again, let me reiterate that three youth were left downtown who were in my care. When this was told to the officer he showed little to no interest.

Now this is the first time in my life I have ever been handcuffed, put in the back of a police car, or in trouble with the law. When we arrived at the station I had another first, being shackled to a chair. This was mandatory, or at least I was told. Another thing I had to do was sign a piece of paper. Well, O.K. let me read it first though. No. Officer Krasnican then informed me that if the paper doesn't get signed I would be spending the night in jail and have to pay a $250 fine. More threats. Let freedom ring! After an hour or so in the jail I was released. The cops refused my request for a ride back to where the boys were downtown. So I had to walk back, the whole incident took two and a half hours. Luckily the boys were all right as some friends at a local shop who saw the incident took them in.

Later on someone told me to contact

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Oppose the Conference Center

Jerome Johnson

I saw *The Olympian*'s editorial the other day, gushing with enthusiasm over the proposed conference center near the port.

With due respect to *The Olympian*, I must profoundly disagree.

First, I greatly disagree that Olympia "needs" a conference center.

As many locals know there has been an explosion of new motels around here in the past few years, and all of them have good conference facilities. Moreover, we used to have a fine conference center in Tumwater. Place called the Tyee Hotel. An old, venerable landmark that was hosting some convention or other every week. I even went to one—the Star Trek convention in 1994, where I met Nichelle Nichols. However, someone decided that another Fred Meyer store was more important, I guess, so the Tyee isn't there any more. Well, that isn't so bad for conventioneers. If any of the local motels/hotels don't suit them, there's always The Evergreen State College. Conferences are held there every year, some lasting weeks, and TESC is always grateful for the business—the ripple effect of which extends through the county. Which brings me to my next point: money.

By "needs," I think *The Olympian* really meant "Olympia wants" a conference center. I'm not so sure of that, either. Seems to me that the only ones who want a conference center are short-sighted city officials ready to trade quality of life away to grant a BIG favor to a secret developer, who wants us taxpayers to pay at least $250,000 a year for their chance to reap millions in profits. That's right—even before it's built, the Secret Developer and city officials have already told us they'll need $250,000 of taxpayer money every year to handle "cost overruns." Yet the taxpayers won't get ANY share of the profits. And I'll bet anyone that that $250,000 figure will go up, not down—and then they'll lamely say they didn't expect it and demand more money, claiming that by then we'd gone too far to stop.

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Not to worry, Olympia officials and *The Olympian* soothe. The convention center will "revitalize" downtown, pouring money and goodwill throughout the county.

I don't think so—and more important, city officials in Lacey and Tumwater rightly share my deep skepticism. First of all, downtown is pretty "revitalized" as it is, especially with the new 4th Avenue bridge (Thank You, workers!)open. Walking/driving through, especially at night, I find downtown to be plenty "vital"—as OPD will no doubt attest (I write this with irony). Equally important, officials in Tumwater and Lacey have attended a convention or two themselves, and they can read a map as well as the next person. They're skeptical because they know that most conventioneers don't bring their own vehicles, and don't have the time or inclination to use public transportation. As a result, most of their movement—and spending—will be within walking distance of their convention facility. That's why Secret Developer wants to build a hotel adjacent to the conference center, even though the brand-new, very nice Phoenix Inn is only a short walk away

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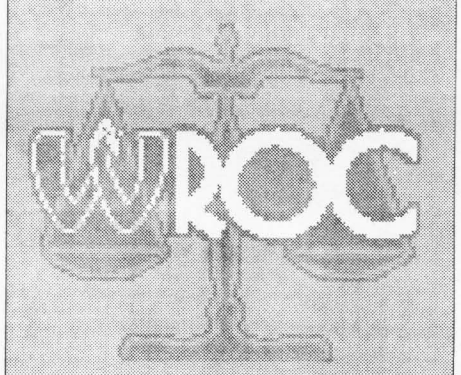
W.R.O.C. Celebrates Motherhood

WROC, the Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition, wishes to invite everyone to join us in Sylvester Park at noon on August 22nd. August 22nd marks the fourth anniversary of welfare reform, a program that ignores the work the mothers primarily do, caring for their children.

We will celebrate motherhood with music, poetry, massage and tarot readings, food, child care and activities for the kids -- free to low-income mothers. Even if you just have a 30 minute lunch hour, spend it with us to show your support for the work mothers do.

Supermom t-shirts will be for sale, or if you already own one, wear it, or buy one in advance at Olympia World News. For more information, call 352-9716.



WROC's Planning and Organizing Meeting is on Monday, August 6, at 5:30 at the First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion SE, corner of Legion and Boundary, Potluck and child care provided. Help us plan events and organize low-income parents.

Do you receive TANF, food stamps, medicaid or child care from DSHS? Have you ever wondered if what your case worker is telling you is right? Come to a WROC Clinic and find out how to advocate for yourself. Learn the rules, how to ask for a fair hearing, how to go to college while receiving assistance, how to be treated with respect and dignity.

WROC, the Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition, is holding a Know Your Rights Clinic at the Forest Glen Neighborhood Center on Thursday, August 16 at 5:30 pm. Dinner and child care available. 1717 Cooper Point Road NW, Apt. P-101.

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In Search of the Big Picture

Video*Discussion*TV*Library
August: Social Change
September: Missile Defense

The public is offered a variety of ways to explore issues related to peace, nonviolence, social justice, and the environment, through the Olympia's Fellowship of Reconciliation's "In Search of the Big Picture" video series. Each month a timely and thought-provoking documentary is shown one evening for public discussion. Then it is shown on Thurston Community Television (TCTV) Then it is given to the Olympia Timberland Library for public circulation. (Variations will occur in some months.)

"Wake Up One Day Different" will be shown on TCTV every Sunday at 10 p.m on Channel 22 (channel 29 in some neighborhoods) This is a reflection on the relationship between personal transformation and positive social change. It features John Seed of the Rainforest Action Network.

The public is invited to watch and discuss "Star Wars Returns" on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18th at 7:00pm at Traditions Fair Trade, 300 5th SW. Olympia. It presents a compelling case against the proposed missile defense system. Speakers will provide information about local actions to oppose such a system This video will also be shown on TCTV every Sunday in September at 10pm.

Timberline Library maintains the collection of "In Search of the Big Picture" videotapes under the series title. To check one out, use the online catalog in the library or at home (www.timberland.lib.wa.us). Navigate past a few choices, select the category containing "Series Words," type in "In Search of the Big Picture," and get a complete list of these offerings. They are shelved at the Olympia branch. These videos are popular, so if the one you want is checked out, try again.

The series is sponsored by the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation, which has worked locally since 1976 on a variety of peace and social justice issues. The Olympia FOR is the local chapter of the nationwide Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), which has worked nonviolently for peace and social justice since 1915. The FOR's membership is diverse in age, religion, race, sexual orientation, and ability.

For information about the video & discussion series at Traditions, call Sue Sikora at 709-0795. For information about the TCTV and library part of the series, call Carol Burns at 866-7645. For information about the Olympia FOR, call Glen Anderson at 491-9093.

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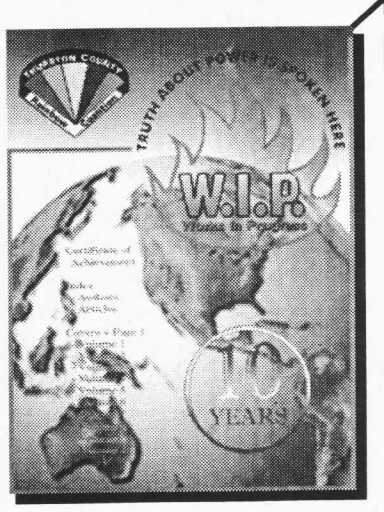

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Coca-Cola sued for murder and torture in Columbia

- The United Steel Workers of America the Washington-based International Labor Rights Fund, SINALTRAINAL (Colombian trade union) and survivors of Isidro Segundo Gil are suing Coca-Cola for failing to prevent its bottlers in Colombia from bringing in right-wing paramilitary death squads to break up unions at its plants.
- Several thousand Colombian labor unionists have been murdered over the past 15 years. "Of every five trade unionists murdered in the world, three are Colombian."
- President George W. Bush has asked Congress for an additional 400 million dollars in economic and military aid for Colombia.

There is no question that Coke knew about and benefited from the systematic repression of trade union rights at its bottling plants in Colombia...

Terry Collingsworth, ILRF's chief attorney

Source: Jim Lobe, *Inter Press Service*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
...if any of these plants make a mistake in applying Coca-Cola's formula or in delivering Coke, they would be there to correct it. But in cases where they kill union leaders, they do nothing. Dan Kovalik, USWA lawyer			**1** **2000**: Study in JAMA shows Brady gun law had no effect on firearm homicide/suicide rates **2000**: McCain praises George W Bush	**2** **2000**: GW Bush accepts nomination **2000**: State, fed officials announce removal of Goldsborough Creek Dam near Shelton	**3** **1995**: US District Judge rules Oregon's "Death w/ Dignity Act" unconstitutional, claims measure discriminates against the dying	**4** **1999**: Cost of 1994 US gunshot victims treatment is $2.3 billion **2000**: *Time* magazine calls Olympia the "hippest town in the West"
5 **1966**: Martin Luther King, Jr. pelted with stones in Chicago march **1945**: Atomic bomb used in warfare, Hiroshima, 7:15 pm	**6** **1965**: LBJ signs 1965 Voting Rights Act **2000**: 2,000 farm workers rally in Tri-cities for wages, protection of labor organizers	**7** **2000**: Gore picks Lieberman **2000**: Students/faculty members prevent Marriott from TESC food services contract	**8** **1974**: Nixon announces resignation **1996**: WA Supreme Court upholds state's "three strikes, you're out" law	**9** **1999**: Suit filed in US District Court accusing EPA of allowing Potlatch Corp to discharge warm water into the Snake River	**10** **1963**: US loses nuclear sub in North Atlantic **1999**: Boeing begins construction of Air Force's antimissile laser weapon jet	**11** **2000**: GW vows not to breach dams **2000**: Environmental groups sue WA state for failing to protect spotted owl
12 **1998**: Swiss banks/ Holocaust survivors reach $1.2 billion settlement **2000**: GW vows more money for military	**13** **1923**: "Yes, We Have No Bananas" is #1 hit. **2000**: Russia sinks to ocean floor of the Barents Sea trapping 100+ sailors	**14** **1900**: 2,000 US Marines assist in ending Boxer Rebellion **1912**: US Marines begin 21 year military presence in Nicaragua	**15** **1979**: Andrew Young resigned under pressure as UN ambassador after unauthorized meeting with representatives of the PLO	**16** **1999**: Columbine High School reopens after four months **2000**: Russia fails to rescue sub crew, requests help from West	**17** **1998**: Clinton admits relationship with Lewinsky before grand jury and the nation **2000**: Gore accepts nomination	**18** **1997**: UPS/ Teamsters Union reach agreement **2000**: Commerce Dept announces a trade deficit hits $30.6 billion in June
19 **2000**: Praxis closes **2000**: Russian officials admits that all 118 sailors on the Krusk submarine are probably dead	**20** **1996:** Clinton signs bill raising minimum wage 50 cents an hour **2000**: Gallup Poll shows Gore and Bush are nose and nose	**21** **1997**: FBI Ruby Ridge shooter charged w/ manslaughter **2000**: Norwegian divers open Krusk and find no signs of life	**22** **2000**: Night vigil at Sylvester Park marks Clinton's 1996 signing of Personal Responsibility Act "ending welfare as we know it"	**23** **1927**: Sacco & Vansetti are executed **1997**: Israel fires missiles at Lebanon again for the fourth time in a week	**24** **1997**: Justice Department reports number of people treated in emergency rooms for injuries sustained from domestic violence rising	**25** **1999**: Norm Buske releases report of radioactive "spring" of strontium-tainted water seeping into Columbia from Hanford
26 **2000**: 10,000+ pack Portland's Memorial Coliseum to hear Ralph Nader/Winona LaDuke; first in series of packed arena rallies	**27** **2000**: The rate of violent crime in the US drops to lowest level since the US began recording crime rate in 1973	**28** **1999**: Desa Jacobs, Alaskan native protests by using w/ illegal nets **2000**: Winona LaDuke supports Makah whaling rights	**29** **2000**: US Supreme Court rules that Californians may not provide marijuana to persons who are sick and in pain	**30** **2000**: Gore has a slight lead in the polls **2000**: Fed court rules Texas failed to provide health care for low-income kids	**31** **1998**: The Duma rejects Yelsin's premier nominee; Yelsin immediately renominates him **2000**: St Peters hospital workers okay contract	***There has been a very concerted campaign against trade unionists for many years...*** Robin Kirk, HRW

Don't Blame Nader, Blame Al

Tristan Baurick

On July 15 *The New York Times* reported that Florida officials accepted hundreds of illegal absentee ballots under pressure from Bush supporters. Days later, a new study found four to six million votes cast in the national election were not counted. New information keeps sprouting up, casting further and further doubt over the whole election fiasco. Still, Bush remains in the White House, and still Democrats insist on blaming Ralph Nader for Al Gore's loss.

Don't blame Ralph, blame Al.

Forget uncounted African American votes and botched ballots skewing votes to Pat Buchanan. Never mind the Florida and U.S. Supreme Court rulings or the roles Katherine Harris and Jeb Bush played in the Florida election. The biggest single factor that sunk Gore was Gore himself.

Sure, Nader netted three percent of the national vote, and 96,917 of the hotly contested ballots in Florida. But these factors pale in comparison to the greater contribution Gore made to his own defeat.

Gore's first blunder was to distance himself from President Clinton. With a 60 percent approval rating and an economy deemed 'booming' by every major news outlet, the Clinton administration was riding high. And Gore was a part of it.

Deemed 'a genius campaigner' by many, Clinton's election nabbing know-how and press-the-flesh charm could have been enlisted into the vice president's campaign, driving home the point that Gore would keep Clinton's 'good times' rolling for years to come.

But the vice president decided to go it alone. It wasn't Nader's fault that Gore played down his connection to the popular president, making it less plausible to claim responsibility for the economy. According to a group of political forecasters cited in a November 20 article in *The Nation*, the single factor that keeps incumbent parties in the White House is the state of the economy, both actual or perceived. This alone, they say, has explained the outcome of every election since 1948. Somehow, Gore made this election the exception to the rule.

"If Gore loses despite his tremendous structural advantages," said political analyst Katha Pollitt in *The Nation* article, "what can you say except he screwed up monumentally."

If Gore's first mistake was to ignore Clinton, his second was to ignore Nader. Rather than take a stand against Nader on a host of substantive issues, Gore and

his supporters chose to act as though Nader was stealing votes that Gore somehow had a right to. Gore could have taken on Nader's criticisms and explained how pumping more money into the bloated Pentagon, boosting NAFTA at the expense of labor, and dismantling welfare was going to help Americans. In the process, Gore might have mentioned how these positions differ from his Republican opponent. Gore should have realized he couldn't win the battle of the issues if he ignored issues altogether.

Nader's critics claim that the 96,917 votes cast for the Green party in Florida could have gone to Gore. If Gore wanted Green voters why didn't he give Green-leaning voters what they wanted? Why not adopt Nader's platform of universal health care, increasing the minimum wage, fighting sprawl, halting logging in national forests, reducing the military budget by 20-50 percent. Instead, Gore's campaign to net Greens relied on scare tactics. Gore never bothered to explain why he was right and Nader was wrong, or why he was a better man to take on the issues Nader identified. Rather than confront Nader, Gore buried his head in the sand, proving himself more a coward than a leader.

And what do leaders do best but lead? In Florida Gore shrank from his self-styled role of champion of the environment when he refused to take a stand on the state's top environmental issue: a proposed airport that would be sandwiched between two South Florida national parks.

According to *The Miami New Times*, the airport would generate an estimated 230,000 flights a year. The site, situated between Biscayne National Park and Everglades National Park, is one of the most ecologically sensitive regions in the country. Nearly every major environmental organization in the nation opposed the airport. Nader came out solidly against the project, as had others in the Clinton administration, according to *The St Petersburg Times*, but Gore gave the issue the cold shoulder.

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Miami-Dade County Commissioner Katy Sorenson said Gore betrayed his environmental record by not taking a stand on the airport issue and was undermining his chances of carrying Florida on the November 7 election.

On October 18 Kathleen McGinty, former head of the White House council on Environmental Quality, and other Gore policy advisors called a meeting with Florida environmental leaders to shore up support in the last weeks of the campaign.

During the meeting Don Chinquina, executive director of the Tropical Audubon Society, told McGinty that Gore's silence on the airport issue had disappointed thousands of Florida environmentalists. Chinquina reported that he had tried on several occasions to recruit volunteers from among his 3000 Audubon members to participate in phone banks for the Gore campaign. He found few willing. Time and time again, Chinquina told McGinty, members cited Gore's silence on the issue as their reason for refusing to help.

Hoping to cash in on the Clinton administration's efforts to restore the Everglades, McGinty wanted to know if Gore could schedule an eco-themed campaign event in Florida without having to worry about drawing protesters.

All leaders, from the Sierra Club to the Audubon Society, told McGinty not to count on it.

"There was a lot of questions about whether (Gore) could risk showing up down here," Chinquina told *The New Times* after the meeting, "And our answer was no. Unless he is going to announce his position on the airport issue, don't come."

Chinquina told McGinty that Gore's refusal to take a stand would cost him Florida and the whole election, sending many voters to Nader.

Had Gore heeded Chinquina's warnings, perhaps we would have had a different election outcome.

Rather than ask: 'what if Nader had not run?', a better question for Gore supporters to ask is: 'what if Gore had put his money where is mouth is and taken a stand on this important issue?' How would the outcome have been different? With a final tally dividing Gore and Bush by less than 600 votes, how would those 3000 members of the Tropical Audubon Society and 25,000 Florida Sierra Club members shaped the election if Gore backed them up?

Digging into the Florida election tallies, anti-discrimination activist Tim Wise found some revealing facts about how Gore fared with other members of

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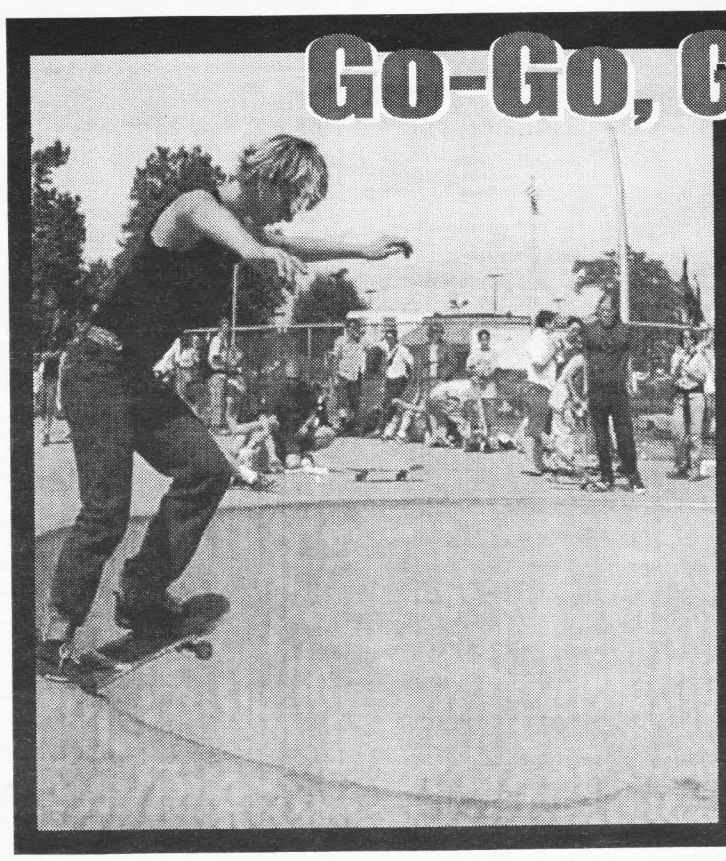

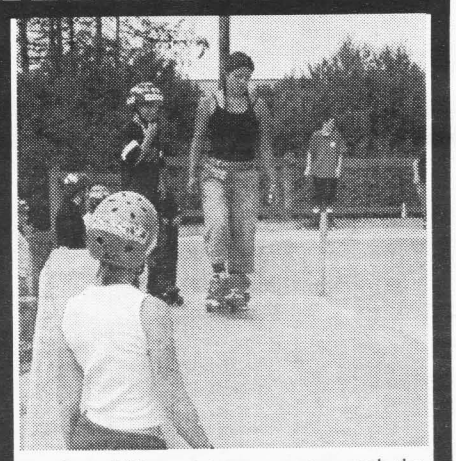

Over 200 spectators came to watch the 2nd Annual Skate Like a Girl Skateboarding contest at Olympia's westside skate park on July 22nd. The event, which was part of the Yo-Yo a Go-Go extravaganza, included skating workshops and created first-time boarders, some of whom later competed in the contest.

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his core constituency.

Normally voting Democratic in Florida, seniors abandoned Gore for Bush by a 51-47 percent margin, according to Wise's study. Bush received 67,000 more votes than Gore. Had Gore broke even with seniors, he would have won.

White women in Florida also typically vote Democratic, or split evenly between the two parties. But Gore lost them by 53-44 percent in Florida. Had he pulled 50 percent of these votes, he'd have yanked the state into his column with an added 65,000 votes.

Even more telling was Gore's performance with espoused Democrats. According to Wise, 308,000 Florida Democrats voted for Bush while only 24,000 voted for Nader. Had Gore taken just one percent of these Democrats from Bush, Nader's gains wouldn't have made a difference.

Don't blame Nader, blame Gore.

Or, if you really need to point a finger, blame yourself. Over 100 million eligible voters across the country didn't turn out for the 2000 presidential election. That means half of all voters voted for no one.

Is this Nader's fault? Of course not. Nader galvanized voters and spurred the disenfranchised to turn out at the polls. According to *The Miami Herald*, of the 96,917 Florida voters that popped a chad for Nader, over one-third, or 32,000, said in exit polls that they would not have cast a ballot at all if Nader's name wasn't on it. The two major parties carry a greater responsibility for the apathy of voters. The two parties control nearly every seat at every level of government and, at election time, field just about every candidate for every open spot. Voters know that if they turn up at the polls they'll see two choices with more similarities than differences. If there's a problem with democracy, look no further than the Republicans and the Democrats.

But with nearly half the American population waiting to be spurred by a dynamic candidate, what is Gore's excuse for not digging into this potential gold mine for a sweeping victory? Is it because Nader is correct in his claim that there just isn't enough of a difference between Gore and Bush to rouse the massive population of listless voters? On the issues of trade agreements, military interventions, weapons spending, welfare reform, and pulling politicians out of the pockets of big business, Americans don't see enough of a difference between the two parties. Not enough to get involved, at least.

Americans "chose not to vote this year largely because they feel they've been cast out of the process by a vacuous, cynical and elitist political system that no longer addresses their needs or aspirations" wrote political commentator Jim Hightower in *Salon Magazine*.

By focusing on Nader, Democrats do themselves a disservice by redirecting their ire away from the real problem – a party and a candidate with all the assets and advantages that can't pull off a sure thing against Republican opposition headed by a dim-witted blue blood ninny.

As Nader asserted time and time again throughout the presidential campaign, "This is Gore's election to lose. Only Al Gore can beat Al Gore."

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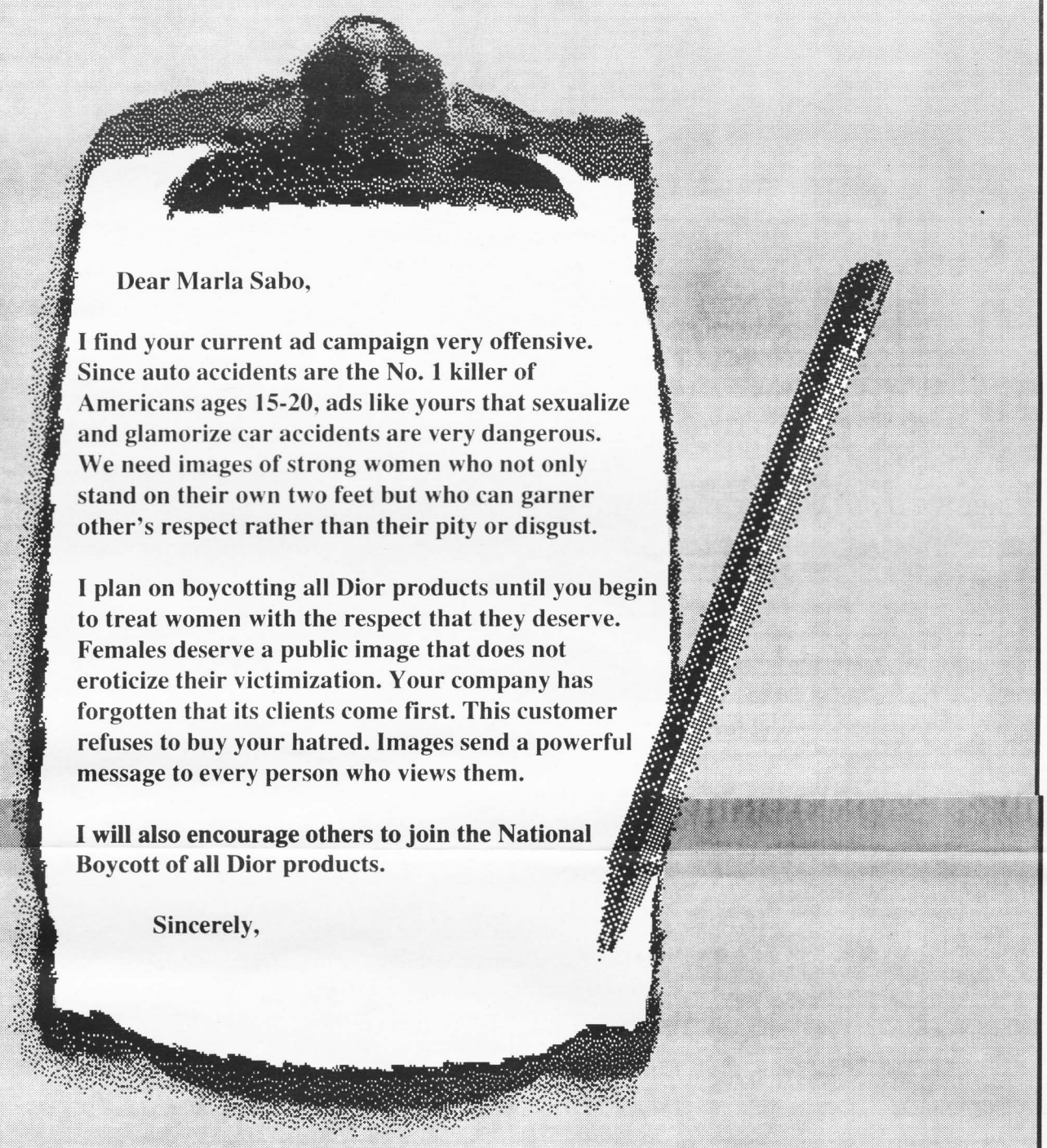

Dear Marla Sabo,

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Sincerely,

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to the review of the Dior Spring show in Paris, the intention of this fashion line is to celebrate woman-hating. Guy Trebay wrote in the *NY Times* (Where is the Outrage? 12/26/00), "the show opened with the recorded voice of a nudie show shill. The spiel centered on a vulgarism for the female anatomy. The term is unprintable here, but if you image the word was Jell-O, a gravelly voice barked out: 'We've got white Jell-O! Black Jell-O! Yellow Jell-O! Hairy Jell-O! Tight Jell-O! Sloppy Jell-O! Dior Jell-O!'" Dior Couture wants to push the envelope and they have.

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A Fifth-grade media literacy class from Bay View Elementary School recently chose these Dior ads as the MOST OFFENSIVE and each student wrote to Ms. Marla Sabo, the President of Dior Couture. Here is part of her response to the 5th grade class. Ms. Sabo wrote, "You should know that we at Dior value our clients. We also are in favor of the empowerment of women, and tend to show images of strong women. The girls portrayed this spring may just as well have finished fixing their car and have gotten motor oil on themselves as a result."

The class wrote back, "We don't believe that your company is in favor of the empowerment of women and of portraying them as strong. This can't be true when your current ad campaign offers the exact opposite. If the girls portrayed have finished fixing a car, then where are their tools? Please admit that you use hateful and shocking images because it helps Dior make money. Money is more important to you than how these images affect kids like us. Right?" The whole class signed and faxed the letter to Ms. Sabo.

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Mumia Scheduled to Have a Hearing

WIP News Service

Probably, on 17 August, there will be a Mumia Abu-Jamal court hearing. Mumia is on death row for his Black Panther activities. Prepare solidarity demonstrations to Free Mumia!

As of today July 18th, [2001] The Philadelphia Criminal Justice Center says that Mumia is scheduled to have a hearing in State Court on August 17th. The 17th is the anniversary of Mumia's first execution date in 1995 and also is Marcus Garvey's birthday. This is as of now a tentatively scheduled hearing and we are trying to confirm that this is happening and whether Mumia is going to be in court or not. This hearing is under the State Courts; and stems from papers filed by Mumia's new lawyers: Marlene Kamish, Eliot Grossman, and Nick Brown to take the appeal back to the state courts based on ineffectiveness of Counsel-Leonard Weinglass and Dan Williams.

Now is the time to start preparing by organizing to get monies together for buses and gathering the righteous people together. Although many details are unclear at this time as to the exact purpose of this hearing, one thing is crystal clear:

THIS IS NOT AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING.

Please stay on top of this as this case begins another chapter!! Your support for Mumia Abu-Jamal is CRUCIAL to its outcome!!

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From KFCR July 2001 Broadcast

Bill Mandel On Mumia Abu-Jamal

When Mumia Abu-Jamal's last appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court failed, he fired his lawyers a couple of months ago and engaged a new team. The previous attorneys had refused to conduct a defense based on evidence long in their possession. They claimed that a jury would not believe it. They said that the public mind is not ready for the gravity of its allegations.

The Philadelphia Criminal Justice Center says that Mumia is scheduled to have a hearing in State Court on August 17th. The 17th is the anniversary of Mumia's first execution date in 1995 and also is Marcus Garvey's birthday. The job today is to win him a new trial.

The evidence is a voluntary confession, made to the defense, by a man named Arnold Beverly, presently in hiding, that it was he who fired the final shot killing Officer

Daniel Faulkner after another man, Freeman by name, had fired the first. Beverly says that they had both been hired to do this by Philadelphia police fearful that Faulkner was on the verge of blowing the whistle on the total corruption at least of precincts directly covering an area of high organized crime.

A former FBI informant, Hersing by name, hired by it to set up a brothel and a club operating after the legal closing time, for the purpose of catching crooked cops taking pay-offs to let them operate, did, the year after Mumia's conviction, bring about the conviction of five police, one of them an inspector, for bribery and extortion. Subsequently two dozen others were convicted, including four deputy police commissioners and four inspectors.

Today, with that known, and Los Angeles cops on trial for just such corruption and violence, and with the FBI itself damned in the public eye for sloppy crime laboratory work and worse, Beverly's confession and allegations do not seem incredible.

Mumia, who previously has refused to testify, says he will now do so, because this evidence demonstrating his innocence will be presented. A defendant always has the right not to testify, under the Fifth Amendment, which originated to protect people against false confessions wrung from them under torture and against statements that skilful prosecutors can put together with other material to make them appear guilty in the eyes of a jury or court. Jesus used the principle of what is now part of our Constitution as the Fifth Amendment when, asked if he regarded himself as the king of the Jews, replied:

"Thou sayest it." In short, his accusers would have to prove something that could result in his being literally nailed to the cross until death.

Mumia says he is totally innocent and had nothing whatever to do with the crime, which occurred in that neighborhood of prostitution and gambling where he, as a taxi driver, could find fares precisely in the wee hours. Cabbies, including himself, had been robbed, and he carried a gun, for which he had a license, as protection.

His refusal to testify has a great deal to do with his recently firing his second set of lawyers, Leonard Weinglass and Dan Williams. In the trial, in 1982, he was represented by a court-appointed attorney, Anthony Jackson, a young man just getting started in a field, criminal law, where most defendants are indigent and defense attornies' livelihoods largely depend upon court appointment and government-paid fees. In such an atmosphere, putting up a vigorous and competent defense for an alleged cop-killer pretty much ruins one's chances of further appointments in jurisdictions where that is entirely at the discretion of the judge. California law differs from that in Pennsylvania in this respect. Here appointments must be random among lawyers desiring this work.

Mumia's present attorneys, Eliot Grossman, Marlene Kamish, and J. Michael Farrell of the United States, and Nick Brown from England, believe he could have been acquitted very easily by attacking the prosecution's basic theory of the case, which it presented to the jury. This was that there were only three people on the scene: officer Faulkner, Mumia's brother, Billy Cook, whom Faulkner had stopped for a traffic violation, and Mumia, who had parked his cab when he saw this. Faulkner was dead, Cook had been exonerated, leaving only Mumia. Case closed.

But in fact there was a fourth person, and that was known to this court-appointed defense attorney. In the trial, the key supposed eyewitness, Cynthia White, was a prostitute whose personal interests were served by testifying as the prosecution desired. Before the trial, she had been asked to identify men in a line-up. In those line-ups she had twice identified the man, Freeman, who Beverly confessed to the later defense attorneys, those recently fired, was his fellow-murderer of officer Faulkner.

The court-appointed attorney supposedly defending Mumia in the trial simply did not confront Cynthia White with the transcript, which he had before him, of her line-up identification. The present attorneys say he would have won the case right there. Had she repeated her denial of the presence of anyone else, she would have committed perjury either in the identification of someone who wasn't there or in her denial of his presence in conflict with her own earlier sworn testimony.

Moreover, two other witnesses testified that there were two shooters, which corroborates Arnold Beverly's later statement that he and Freeman did the killing.

Mumia had acted as his own attorney at the beginning of the trial, and his refusal to testify thereafter was because the judge had denied him the right to continue as such, which is totally in violation of law, and had appointed an attorney he did not want. In an unrelated case, no less than six former District Attorneys of Philadelphia had testified that no defendant could get a fair trial in the court of this judge, Albert Sabo. He simply did not adhere to the established and required practices making for a fair trial.

Mumia had also been denied the right to have a lay person, John Africa, advise him in court. This is long-established practice in English common law, upon

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(Mumia, continued)

the precedents of which our procedure rests. One of the new team of defense lawyers is from England, where he has great prominence in winning cases against frame-ups.

Recently, a Philadelphia civil rights lawyer reviewing the book one of Mumia's former attorneys, Dan Williams, has written about the case, points out that even the prosecution's description would not justify the fact that conviction was sought, and won, as first-degree murder. Because Mumia came upon officer Faulkner beating Mumia's brother, Billy Cook, the killing was not with malice aforethought, assuming Mumia did it, but upon provocation and in the heat of passion. That qualifies as murder in the third degree, to which the death penalty does not apply.

After the conviction and death sentence - remember that Mumia has now been in prison for nineteen years, with execution hanging over him every day - - there were mysterious deaths of those who could have testified not only to the killing but, more important, to the matter of involvement of corrupt police precincts at least, if not higher-ups. For example, the prosecution claims that prostitute Cynthia White, who was allowed to ply her trade thereafter without arrests, has died in another state. But the identification of the cremated remains did not bear that name.

Mumia was associated with a religious-political sect calling itself Move, regarding itself as a family, whose members took the surname Africa. The Philadelphia police, in an action okayed by the mayor, dropped a bomb on from the air on the row house occupied by Move, not long after the murder. Several people in the building were killed, and a full block of homes in this Black neighborhood was burned to the ground in the fire started by the police bomb. On that there is no dispute.

The very day after the bombing, the man Freeman, whom the fugitive Beverly in his later confession to the defense named his fellow-murderer of officer Faulkner, was found dead in a field, apparently of an overdose. This was declared to be a suicide and therefore no investigation was conducted. Yet the hands of the corpse were tied! Obviously, there were those who wanted to make sure he would never testify.

Beverly's confession to the defense attorneys was made several years later. Whereupon one of them, Leonard Weinglass, received a phone call from the dead Freeman's brother, a prisoner with a very tough reputation. This prisoner said, according to Weinglass when he made this public, that he was phoning from the warden's office! He then went on to say that if Weinglass presented Beverly as witness, Weinglass was "dead meat." The fact is that Weinglass, who had Beverly's confession, never did present him as witness, nor did he produce that testimony in any court.

There are those who believe that that was because Weinglass feared for his life. But that testimony can demonstrate that Mumia is an innocent man, and can save his life.

In any event, this, and a whole number of other matters, nineteen in all, comprise the essence of the two actions the defense is now involved in. One is before a federal court as a motion for habeas corpus, which may be ruled on at any moment. If it is denied, everything will depend upon a similar motion presented to a state court in Pennsylvania last week. What the defense wants is a new trial, in which it will be possible to produce Beverly, if he survives till then. It is possible for his testimony to be introduced without his physical presence, but only if a court allows him to make a sworn deposition.

There are all sorts of additional mysteries a new trial could clear up. For example, Officer Faulkner's wife said that his custom was to leave home in civilian clothes, and change to uniform, with bulletproof vest, at the precinct. When he was killed, he was not wearing the bulletproof vest. Had it been taken from his locker? Was all this part of a set-up for murder?

Mumia's has been a political case from the outset. The highest-ranking officer in charge of the area where the murder occurred and, I have read, the first on the scene, was the cop who had been assigned to Mumia's high school many year's earlier when Mumia was a teen-age member of the Black Panthers.

Mumia has become known primarily by his brilliant and extraordinary broadcasts taped in prison in a mellifluous voice. He has been uncompromising in assailing police treatment of African-Americans and injustice world-wide. Major Black American leaders have been assassinated. The family of Martin Luther King Jr. recently won a jury verdict finding that its contention that he had been murdered by government was plausible. But if Mumia is killed, it will be the first time that an African-American who has won a status of leadership will have been officially executed.

The job today is to win him a new trial. There is long history demonstrating that political cases are not won primarily in court, no matter how hard and skillfully the defense works, but by the weight of public opinion. It must be expressed in every possible way.

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Preventable Farmworker Deaths

Arturo Rodriguez

On May 18, at Zepeda Farm near Watsonville, California, a foreman allegedly disiplined a worker for committing a serious offense. Mauricio Cruz had picked some green strawberries. For this unforgivable crime of harvesting unripe fruit the 35-year-old worker was put to death.

According to the farm's owner and witnesses to the crime, Foreman Jose Flores grew angry when Mauricio picked some unsuitable berries. The two men argued. The foreman then went home. He returned to the field with a gun. He shot Mauricio in the back, then again in the head while the worker lay helpless on the ground. Mauricio died at the scene.

The foreman fled and, as I write this, remains a fugitive.

Mauricio's co-workers were stunned. They agree with the farm owner's statements that no long-term feud existed between the two men. "I was so surprised when I saw what happened," stated worker Jose Luis Gurierrez. "None of us ever saw this coming."

Manuel Dominguez said, "I have known both men all the time I've worked here...None of them have ever had any problems working together at all. That is what is so shocking." It may seem unbelievable, but a disagreement about strawberries appears, indeed, to have caused the killing.

When I heard of this senseless murder, I was outraged. But I wasn't shocked. My first thought was, "No, no — not again!" You see, the slaying of Mauricio Cruz wasn't an isolated incident, an aberration, "just one of those inexplicable things that happen." It was part of a long and disgraceful history of violence against agricultural workers in the United States.

Remember Juan Corona? One of our nation's most notorious serial killers, he was convicted of 25 murders in the early '70s. Corona was a successful California farm labor contractor. Most of those he brutally stabbed to death were migrant workers. Despite the large number of men who mysteriously started vanishing in Yuha County in 1971, no investigation occurred until a farmer found a freshly dug grave on his property. Two dozen additional corpses were unearthed over the next nine days. Then the search was called off. There have been rumors ever since that Corona killed many other nameless, forgotten victims.

Farm workers' lives are valued cheaply: their disappearance isn't considered noteworthy. After two short articles in the local newspapers, I have seen no other media coverage of Mauricio Cruz's slaying. But I'm sure that his fellow workers have taken notice. The lessons workers learn from such incidents are vividly clear: Don't upset the boss. Never make a mistake. Live in fear.

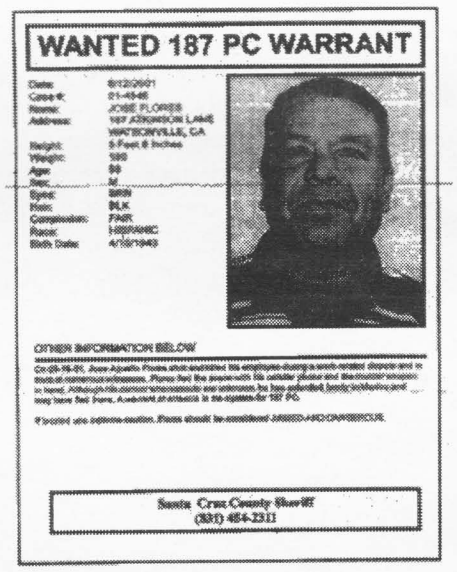
From our extensive files at the UFW, here are a few more examples of the kinds of shockingly violent incidents farm workers endure:

- On November 2, 1998, in Central Califorma, a foreman grew angry when a lettuce picker he had just fired asked a question about his final paycheck. The foreman hit him on the head, knocking him to the ground. "I remember he grabbed me by the hair and dragged me out of the fields," the worker recalled. "He proceeded to kick me in the ribs and head. I was near the edge of a steep cliff and he grabbed me and threw me down, a 45-foot drop. He came down after me holding a very thick tree log and hit me with it. That was when I lost consciousness. . . I did hear that a foreman told him to 'Kill him once and for all."
- On June 24, 1996, the 21-year-old mother of a three-year-old was thinning apples in an orchard in Washington state. After assigning her duties that separated her from her husband, a foreman drove her to an isolated location. "And then he pulled down my pants and took me by force, raping me," the woman said in a signed statement. After the attack, the Foreman warned her to keep quiet. She was terrified. She knew that he owned a pistol. After she filed a police report, counselors at a rape crisis center helped her obtain a restraining order against the foreman.
- On August 3, 1999, in Wasco, California, the owner of a watermelon field grew enraged at several workers when they refused to pick weeds because the gloves he'd provided didn't protect their hands from stickers. According to a news report: The owner went inside his house, got a gun, came back and fired several rounds at the workers' feet. He then grabbed the workers, made them sit down and fired several shots around them, with one of the shots passing through a worker's hat. Miraculously, this worker wasn't killed or injured. The owner also severely beat one of the workers with a cane. He was arrested on a number of charges, and plea-bargained down to brandishing a firearm. He was sentenced to a misdemeanor jail term and is expected to be released any day now.
- On July 5, 2000, in San Diego County, a gang of eight white teenagers invaded a migrant camp, beating and robbing five Latino workers in what police called a racially motivated attack. Some of the victims were dragged from cardboard and wooden shacks and beaten with pipes and shot with pellet guns. One 69-year-old worker was so badly savaged that his attackers thought he was dead and returned to the scene to hide his body.

And then there are the deaths that could be prevented by proper worker training, protective equipment and workplace safety legislation.

The Mauricio Cruz case isn't the only one in our files involving unreasonable punishment for picking unripe strawberries. A group of teenage workers in Watsonville told a member of the UFW field staff that they were forced to eat all green berries they picked. The staffer reported, "They also told me that they were afraid not only of being fired, but of being beaten by the grower."

The United Farm Workers of America is able to provide help, including legal assistance, to workers injured, traumatized and threatened by violence. But



attempted murder, assault and battery, rape, shooting and hate crimes aren't the only physical dangers faced by America's approximately 1.5 million farm laborers. According to a 1999 study by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, agricultural workers suffered the highest percentage of on-the job fatal injuries of ten major industries surveyed.

Vehicle accidents — both at work and while riding to and from the fields — are a particularly serious threat. Tractor accidents alone result in more than 200 farm worker deaths annually. Responding to repeated horrible crashes in which dozens of workers lost their lives, the UFW helped secure passage of California legislation requiring seat belts and vehicle inspections, as well as a bill banning the use of modified wooden benches in vans and trucks used to transport agricultural workers.

And then there are the deaths that could be prevented by proper worker training, protective equipment and workplace safety legislation. Two workers were overcome by fumes and died while cleaning a tank containing chemicals used to fertilize orange, lemon and avocado trees in California's Ventura County. One Farm Bureau official called the incident "bizarre" — but exactly the same thing happened in Ontario, Canada, exactly two weeks later. This time, three men were killed. The UFW consulted on the Canadian case, pointing out to the government that farms are exempted from the province's workplace safety legislation.

The most shocking thing about all these dramatic stories is this: They are just the tip of the iceberg. For every death, there are hundreds of thousands of injuries. Every farm worker faces life-threatening risks. Every day.

Farm workers spend a good portion of their lives in fear. Fear of the very real dangers inherent in agricultural work. Fear of abusive, disrespectful bosses. Fear of deportation if they're not citizens. Fear of losing their jobs.

Fear of speaking up about needlessly, criminally dangerous working conditions. Mauricio Cruz is dead - done in by a few green strawberries. He has been silenced, forever. But his passing cannot go unremarked. It cannot be dismissed as a freak occurrence. His death, and his life, had meaning.

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South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign

Jennifer Glass

In high school science class, we learn that diffusion is the net movement of molecules from a region of their higher concentration to a region of their lower concentration. This concentration gradient can also be applied to the global economy. In the global economy, trade (and jobs) can move freely across national borders, with little regulation and restriction. In this economy, apparel companies are naturally drawn to countries with the most repression of workers attempting to unionize and the fewest environmental laws – basically, the places where they can pay their workers the lowest wages and the least benefits. If you were a CEO who wanted to haul in some big bucks, would you rather pay $8.42 an hour to an American worker or $0.04 to a worker in Burma? Just like those little molecules, your factories will migrate to Burma, where you can pay your employees close to nothing and treat them like slaves because there are no labor standards or pesty unions to stand in your way. Then, not only will the Burmese or El Salvadoran or Chinese workers be exploited, but you will have left many Americans unemployed. (In fact, since 1996, over 200,000 apparel industry jobs were lost in the U.S.)

When you begin to talk to people about these issues, I guarantee you that they will be a bit skeptical. This is because it's a topic which undeniably affects every one of us. After all, we all need to wear clothing. And I don't know a single person who has never owned a single piece of clothing made in a sweatshop. This makes the topic especially touchy. First off, you will probably hear the classic: "But these factories must benefit workers in poor countries because they provide jobs!" And hear is a response to give: Yes, they do provide jobs, but not a living wage or benefits. (A living wage is an income that covers the worker's basic food, health care, potable water, clothing, transportation, child care, education, housing/energy costs plus 10% for income savings.) In El Salvador, the top wage in a garment factory is $5.25 per day but workers require at least $10.83 for a living wage. So, while the workers (primarily women) *are* being provided a job, they are being greatly taken advantage of and are being forced into a cycle of poverty as small children are sent to work in garment factories to help their parents pay the bills. There is definitely something wrong when Target's CEO Robert Ulrich makes $9.8 million dollars per year but can't afford to pay his workers a living wage. These companies would not need to raise their prices to pay workers a living wage. If GAP were willing to cut a tiny percentage of the $500 million the company spends annually on advertising alone, they could provide their workers a significantly better standard of living.

Another common myth is that sweatshops only exist in places overseas. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 67% of Los Angeles garment factories and 63% of New York garment factories violate minimum wage and overtime laws. Ninety-eight percent of Los Angeles garment factories have workplace health and safety problems serious enough to lead to severe injuries or death.

Unfortunately, this is – in a nutshell – the way the apparel industry currently works. But, bit by bit, organizations around the world are forming to fight back and demand better working conditions. In many ways, supporting these organizations can be even more beneficial to the workers than boycotts (unless the boycotts are led by the workers themselves). Examples of anti-sweatshop groups include the Maquila Solidarity Network, Sweatshop Watch, National Labor Committee, Global Exchange, Corporate Watch, UNITE! and...the South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign!!!

S.S.C.C.C. was formed in September 2000, when a group of college and high school students, labor rights activists, people of faith, local business owners, city officials, and community members came together to tackle the weighty issue of sweatshops. The student group organized a community-wide all ages anti-sweatshop fashion show held at Thekla last March as well as various educational events at area high schools. The T.E.S.C. portion of our student group – along with other students at Evergreen – successfully withdrew their college from the F.L.A. (a corporate-run "monitoring" group) and joined the legitimate W.R.C. (Workers' Rights Coalition). They are currently working on writing and ratifying a code of conduct. Student members from Capital High School, Olympia High School and River Ridge High School are also working to write codes of conduct for purchasing and buy their spirit-wear from union-made manufacturers. The city-group for the S.S.C.C.C. is currently working to get written endorsements from various community groups and has the long-term goal of getting an anti-sweatshop resolution approved with the Olympia City Council.

Please join us the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at Traditions Café for our S.S.C.C.C. meetings. Our September meeting will be September 5th and we will be showing the video "Zoned for Slavery" with clips of the fashion show and an interview with the S.S.C.C.C. student group.

For more information about sweatshops and union organizing, check out http://www.uniteunion.org, http://www.usasnet.org, or http://www.sweatshopwatch.org. And, if you ever need to order sweatshirts or T-shirts, I highly recommend Plains T-Shirt Co. whose products are all made by UNITE! Local 249 in Plains, Pennsylvania (phone: 1-800-634-2602).

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Why I Hate Capitalmst Globalization

Ron Jacobs

Capitalist globalization kills. The police murder on June 20, 2001 of a young Italian protestor named Carlo Guliani made this only too clear. Unfortunately, Guliani's was but the latest in a round of killings of anti-capitalists by law enforcement types: four people were killed in Papua New Guinea and over thirty died in Brazil during anti-globalization protests in the past couple of months.

These numbers do nothing to approach the less publicized yet more common deaths that occur daily around the world due to the effects of this latest stage of capitalism. Children die of hunger and lack of medical care while the G7 leaders wine and dine in luxury. Civilians die in wars whose causes relate directly back to the ravages of colonialism, imperialism, and its current successor-that which the capitalists and their media call globalization. AIDS and other diseases ravage the world's impoverished populations because the medical and pharmaceutical players on the global capitalist game board want healthy profits and poor people can't help them there. People die of waterborne diseases because they can't afford the price of water after their water systems have been privatized. The world's primary offender, the most felonious nation of them all-the United States-attacks countries and popular movements at will with its missiles, bombs, and chemical sprays when those countries and movements refuse to abide by the rules the US sets. Rules which are designed to benefit the world's wealthiest citizens and the businesses they own.

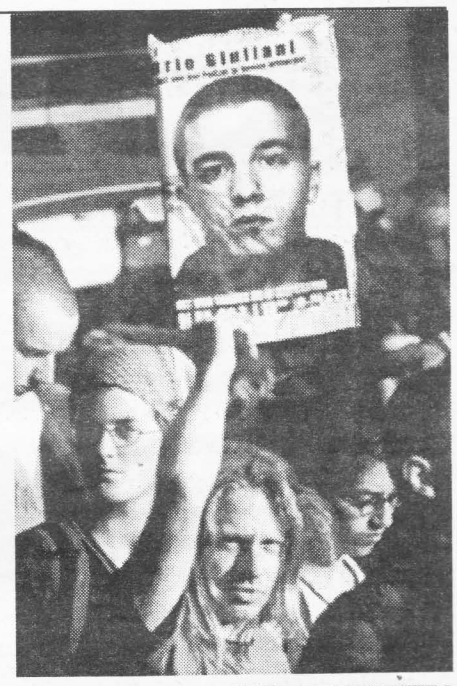
According to the self-described leaders of the capitalist world, global capitalism is the only structure that the poor can ever hope to benefit from. They tell us with a straight face that the wealth created for the wealthy will trickle down to the rest of the world's citizens if the multinational corporations and their client governments were just left alone to do what they wanted. If this were so, why hasn't it happened? I'll tell you why. Because capitalism doesn't work that way. Under capitalism, wealth accumulates at the top and the more wealth those at the top accumulate, the more wealth heads upward. The system of capitalism is not designed to create equality, it is designed to create very rich people and their opposite-very poor people.

The G7 and their cronies as represented by the WTO and other organizations are not going to let us in. Indeed, their system demands that they keep the world's working and poor people out.

The only time workers and the impoverished ever get a piece of the pie that they can live off of (much less their fair share) is when they fight for it. If one looks at world history since the capitalist globalization project began after World War Two they will see that this is the case. If one divides this postwar period into before and after 1973, they will notice something else, too. Before 1973 the rich nations encouraged state intervention in the economy to make people's lives a bit easier. Wages were reasonable for most northern white male workers and jobs were secure. Thanks to popular movements against racism and the ruling elites' need to prevent unrest, laws designed to end discrimination against people of color and women were passed, opening up more opportunities for members of these groups. In addition, social welfare systems were established to protect the poor and disenfranchised from the worst ravages of capitalism.

Since 1973, however, such intervention became less common, which has led us to the reality of today where even the richest nations have substantial populations of citizens without medical care, decent education or even an income they can count on. In short, the third world is now globalized. If true globalization were to occur-where the poorest of the poor were as powerful as the richest of the rich, there would be no anti-globalization movement. Of course, that's not going to happen. Capitalists never want to give up any of their gold. They would rather kill. Even more graphically than Carlo Guliani's death, the wars of the past century prove this. If there was one common thread that held them all together, it was the drive for profits and control of resources and markets. If there is one common thread that holds the current phase of imperial capitalism together, it is the drive for profits and control of resources and markets. The G7 and their cronies as represented by the WTO and other organizations are not going to let us in. Indeed, their system demands that they keep the world's working and poor people out. They need us to do their work for them, whether it's slaving in a sweatshop in Asia or serving a McDonald's burger in suburban America. And they need us to buy their ridiculous brands, whether that be sneakers or the latest Hollywood cinematic nonsense.

The movement against global capitalism is about telling the capitalists that the people of the world don't need them. Indeed, the capitalists are discovering they need us much more. That is why they pretend to care. They don't understand that we don't want our so-called leaders invited to their meetings, nor do we want their money thrown at the problems their system has created. We want their system to end, so we can replace it with one that puts the needs of humans before the needs of the bankers. Just as the Stalinist state capitalist regimes of the former Soviet bloc collapsed (with a few good shoves from their peoples), so can the capitalist states of the western world. El pueblo unido, hermas sera vencido!



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Letters, Briefs, cont.

Vigil at State Capitol

Monday Night August 27
Mourns Scheduled Execution

A somber vigil on the steps of the Capitol Building in Olympia beginning at 7pm Monday August 27 will mourn Washington State's use of the death penalty as the State prepares to kill James Elledge a few minutes after midnight Tuesday morning August 28.

The vigil will be held from 7pm until a few minutes after midnight if the execution is canceled or postponed on short notice, the vigil will be held anyway (but for a shorter period of time) to show opposition to the death penalty overall, as well as in this individual case.

The vigil is co-sponsored by the Washington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (WCADP), which includes a number of religious, human rights, legal, and community-based orpmzations, and by the Olympia Fellowship Of Reconciliation, which works for peace, social justice, and nonviolence.

"The death penalty only escalates the cycle of violence," said Glen Anderson, a member of the WCADP's Steering Committee. "Killing is wrong, whether it is committed by an individual or by the government. Two wrongs don't make a right."

The public is invited to participate in all or part of the vigil — silently and in the spirit of nonviolence. Participants may bring flashlights instead of candles. For information about the vigil at The Capitol, call Glen Anderson at (360)491-9093 in Olympia For information about execution-related observances statewide, call WCADP at (206)622-8952 in Seattle.

SAFEPLACE

Rape Relief And Women's Shelter Services is now recruiting volunteers. Application deadline is August 24th. We need your time, talents, and experience for: **Community outreach * Project M.A.L.E. (men active in leadership and education for the prevention of violence) * Advocating for clients over the phone or in-person * Fundraising * And more!** For information call: 786-8754 v/tty

Film: Reviving the Sound

Local Olympia filmmaker, Marc Gauthier, is touring with his latest video by sea kayak. The movie entitled, "Reviving the Sound," will be screened throughout the Puget Sound from July 31st thru August 31st. All screenings are free and donations are welcome.

The Puget Sound, otherwise known as the Salish Sea is like no where else on earth. Home to over seven million people, the Sound also supports an abundance of plant and animal life. Within the vast inland Sea we find Orca Whales, porposies, numerous species of shellfish, birds and fish. In addition, it is home to endangered Stellar Sea Lions, Sea Turtles, and Salmon.

As the struggle to to protect the Sound continues, the need for support from the public is needed know more than ever. This 56 minute production is the story of the Puget Sound both past and present as well as the story of the individuals who have dedicated their lives to preserve it. Packed with stunning scenery and an abundance of wildlife, "Reviving the Sound," is a must see for all ages.

In addition to the screening there will be time for discussion with the filmmaker. In an attempt to display how interconnected this body of water truly is, Gauthier will be sea kayaking from San Juan Island to Olympia from July 31st until August 31st and screening the movie in 17 locations along the way.

Come and hear the story of the Sound, the story of the people, and perhaps begin your own story: Aug. 25th-Tacoma, Evergreen State College, Tacoma Campus 10a.m.(Sat) Aug. 28th-Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge 7p.m. (Tues) Aug. 30th- Olympia, Traditions Cafe 7p.m. (Thurs) Aug. 31st-Olympia, Evergreen State College Lec. Hall 1 7p.m. (Fri)

Ever Really Hate Your Job Or Boss?

Have you ever had a job that was just the worst? Ever had a boss that was the biggest sleezebag under the sun? What about those customers that think you are their personal slave or the landlord who never intended on giving you back any of your security deposit?

Well, I am collecting you stories. How did you deal with those problems? Did you use any direct action tactics? Organize a union? Call a state agency? or did you and your friends just take matters into your own hands? Have you stolen from places you worked? Monkeywrenched? Framed your boss or asshole co-worker?

All submissions should be annonymous. Any emails should come come from false accounts. All submissions may be used in a publishable collection or ongoing article though confidentiality will be maintained. Just remember, I can't give out what you don't give me, so be aware of where emails originate from as well. Please send your many experiences to erricco@hotmail.com or to Eric Chase c/o OLYWOBS, PO box 2775 Olympia WA 98507.

(Convention, continued)

from the proposed site. Secret Developer doesn't want conventioneers staying at the Phoenix Inn—he wants them right there in his own hotel, where he can get their money and not the Phoenix Inn. City officials in Lacey and Tumwater know this damned well, just as they know that conventioneers will spend 90% of their time and money in the inner downtown Olympia core without bothering to junket further afield to, say, Lacey or Tumwater. Why should they? Their time for recreation will be limited, and everything they'll need—fun, food, lodging, shopping, tourism—is right downtown, which is why Olympia officials are so enthusiastic. Meanwhile, Lacey and Tumwater will get nothing but their share of the $250,000 bill.

Last, I cannot help but appreciate the delicious irony. In the blink of an eye and without a qualm, city officials deploy riot police to "control" harmless street party-goers, then uses tax-funded people and equipment on private property—currently unused—to destroy a garden planted by ordinary citizens and, yes, voting constituents, who ask no money for anything. By contrast, a secret developer with no thought of anything except profit, who very probably isn't a citizen here, is welcomed with open arms—and an open taxpayer's checkbook.

City of Olympia/Port of Olympia officials, please listen. It's not too late to stop this boondoggle. You've shown courage and honor before, when you passed ordinances protecting our civil rights and stood up to the powerful. Please do so again, and stop this convention center foolishness—a community will thank you for it, and so will their children.

In South Africa, a land crisis is growing.
In Genoa, riot police clash violently with those protesting the G-8.
In Washington DC, the search for Chandra Levy continues.
And in Olympia, deep and profound thanks to the ordinary working people who made the 4th Avenue bridge happen.

(Abducted, continued)

councilwoman Jeanette Hawkins, for she has worked on police accountability issues in the past. I called her, and a meeting was set up between myself, the police chief, the boys and their father, and Pat Tassoni of Olympia CopWatch. At the meeting we told our story and I was hoping for some explanations or at least some understanding of how things should operate normally. I got neither. The police chief is either very unfamiliar with protocol or just did not want to talk to me. His favorite response to my questions was "I don't know". If he doesn't, then who does? I'm still trying to figure that one out. So I filed a complaint during the meeting, and the chief did know the lieutenant who was going to do the investigation. When I gave the man a call I found out he was on vacation. Of course, no one else was available to help. I am currently pursuing the case and hopefully something can be done to prevent things like this from happening again to others. The Olympia City Council recently postponed a meeting on whether or not to have a civilian review board to August 14th. I encourage everyone who wants a safer community to show your support for the plan by attending the meeting and voicing your opinion. I know I will.

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Consumer Culture Kills

-- Awarded! --

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Chairman Ann Brown has awarded the Chairman's Commendation to SawStop, LLC, of Wilsonville, Ore., for developing innovative safety technology for power saws intended to prevent finger amputations and other serious injuries. The SawStop system for woodworking uses sensor technology to stop the blade if contact with a human hand or finger is detected.

Each year there are about 30,000 hand and finger injuries from table and bench saws. The SawStop technology is designed to monitor electrical signals (which are conducted through the human body much more easily than through wood) and shut off the blade within milliseconds if the blade touches a hand or finger. A person might suffer a slight cut instead of an amputation.

-- Recalled --

NIKE USA Inc., of Beaverton, Ore., is recalling about 425,000 pairs of shoes that have a thin metal strip on the outside of the heel that can protrude from the shoe and form a sharp edge that can cut consumers. NIKE has received six reports of the metal strip protruding causing five cuts to the lower leg that required stitches **(800) 344-6453 or www.nikebiz.com**

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Central Sprinkler Company, an affiliate of Tyco Fire Products LP, of Lansdale, Pa., are announcing a replacement program. The company will provide free parts and labor to replace 35 million Central fire sprinklers with O-ring seals. This is the third largest replacement program in CPSC history. Central has received 13 reports that resulted in two property damage claims. The sprinklers were installed nationwide in a wide variety of buildings, including houses, apartments, hospitals, day care facilities, schools, dormitories, nursing homes, supermarkets, parking garages, warehouses, and office buildings. For more information on how to identify sprinklers subject to this program and to learn how to participate in this program, call the Notice Packet Request Line at **1-800-871-3492 or www.SprinklerReplacement.com**

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RANS Inc., of Hays, Kan., is recalling about 4,000 long-wheelbase **recumbent bicycles**. The bicycle's front fork steering tube can break, causing the rider to lose control of the bicycle, fall and suffer injuries. RANS Inc. has received eight reports of forks breaking on these bicycles **(877) 990-7267 or www.rans.com/recall**

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Specialized Bicycles, Inc., of Morgan Hill, Calif., is recalling about 3,500 Specialized-brand bicycles. The frame of the bicycle can break during use causing the rider to lose control of the bicycle, fall and suffer serious injuries. Specialized Bicycles Inc. has received two reports of these bicycles breaking resulting in minor injuries. **(800) 214-1468**

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Cannondale Corp., of Bethel, Conn., is recalling 367 "**Carbon Lefty**" suspension forks. The bicycle forks can break, causing the rider to lose control of the bicycle, fall and suffer serious injury or death. Cannondale has received six reports of forks breaking. **(800) BIKE USA**

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Magura USA, of Olney, Ill., is recalling about 360 hydraulic disc **brakes**. The brakes could fail, causing the rider to lose control of the bicycle, fall and suffer serious injuries. **(800) 448-3876**

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Supergo Corp., of Santa Monica, Calif., is recalling 125 "**PAZZAZ**" The handlebars can crack and break, causing the rider to lose control of the bicycle, fall and suffer serious injuries. Supergo has received two reports of handlebars breaking and one report of a handlebar cracking. The firm has received two reports of bar ends detaching. **(800) 326-2453 or www.supergo.com**

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Kenyon International Inc. of Clinton, Conn., is recalling about 3,500 portable butane gas stoves. The unit's safety fuel shut-off system could fail to shut off when the fuel container is overheated. One report of the fuel shut-off system failing resulting in two consumers suffering second-degree burns. **(866) 585-7377 or www.kenyonmarine.com**

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Krups North America, of Closter, N.J., is recalling about 218,000 automatic drip coffeemakers. An electrical connection in these coffeemakers can overheat and ignite the filter basket support. Krups has received 37 reports of the coffeemakers overheating, including 12 reports of fire and smoke damage to cabinets, countertops and surrounding objects. **(800) 810-8687**

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Hallmark Specialty Retail Marketing Group Inc., of Kansas City, Mo., operating under the name Hallmark Creations, is recalling about 1,300 metal and plastic tea light lamps. The plastic shade that covers the tea light candle can melt, posing a fire hazard. Hallmark has received three reports of the lampshade melting. **(800) 425-5627**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or injury, call: CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or <http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html>

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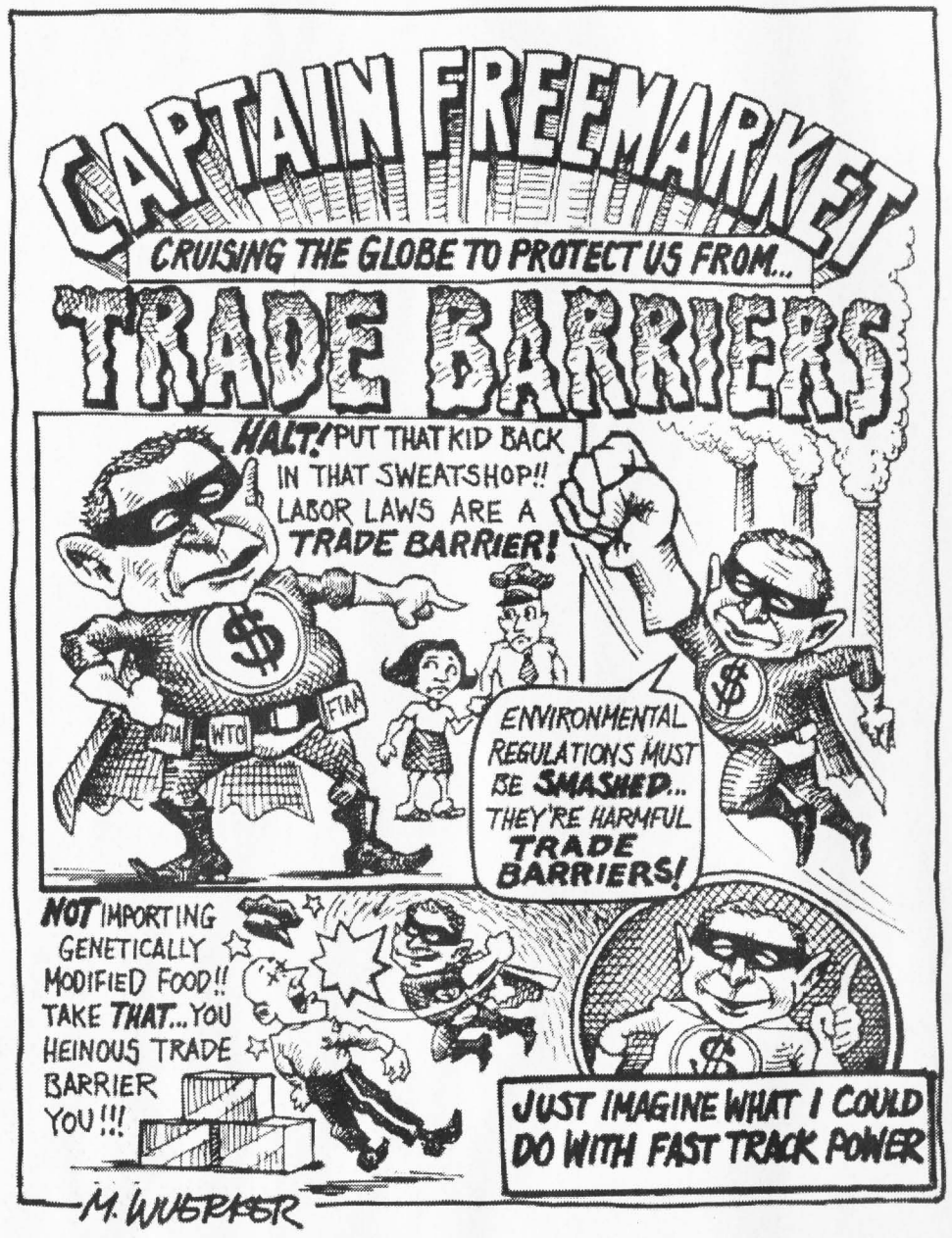
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